

[Translation]

Gama Nailing System

200. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the 'Gama Nailing System' has given magical results in the treatment of pelvic bone in comparison to the traditional treatment methods; and

(b) if so, the steps the Government are contemplating for its wider use and for propagating and popularising this method?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Gama Nailing System is being used in the country selectively in the treatment of fractures of the femur. There are no authentic reports of the impact of its use in the treatment of pelvic bone disorders.

[English]

Elections to Urban Local Bodies

201. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where elections to the urban local bodies has not been held after implementation of the 74th Constitutional Amendment; and

(b) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that the process of elections is completed within a specified time in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU): (a) As per information available, elections to Urban Local Bodies in the Bihar State is yet to be held as per Constitution (74th Amendment) Act.

(b) The elections to Urban Local Bodies in Bihar are held up due to Court Case. The State Government has informed that the elections to Urban Local Bodies will be held after a decision in the above case.

[Translation]

Pending Scheme

202. SHRI N.J. RATHWA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of schemes received from Gujarat Government for approval and are lying pending with the Union Government for clearance as on date;

(b) the number of schemes out of the above schemes relate to adivas/rural areas;

(c) the latest position of these schemes; and

(d) the time by which these schemes are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRIMATI RATNMALA D. SAVANOOR): (a) There are eleven schemes, from Government of Gujarat, pending with the Central Government for its approval.

(b) Out of eleven schemes, four relate to tribal areas, four relate to Drought Prone Area and the other three are regarding watershed and comprehensive agriculture development.

(c) The latest position about the above schemes are given in the attached Statement.

(d) The clearance of the schemes pending depends on the promptness of the State Government in replying the queries raised by the Central Ministries.

Statement

Status of the various schemes of Government of Gujarat pending for approval of Central Government

1. Mod. of Machhu-I Irrigation: Cost Rs. 11.12 Crore:

The project has been techno-economically appraised by Central Water Commission (CWC) and considered by the Advisory Committee in August 1993 and found acceptable subject to Environment clearance and concurrence of State Finance Department. The Technical Advisory Committee's observations have been sent to the State Government. The State Government is to expedite details and approach for Environmental clearance.

2. UND-II Irrigation Project: Cost Rs. 38.94 Crore:

The modified project report along with State's compliance and revised cost estimates has been received in December 1991. Again, it was reported by the State Govt. that the scope of project was being revised and accordingly, cost estimates was to be revised. The State Govt. has thus been asked to submit the latest estimates of the project.

3. Goma Irrigation Project: Cost Rs. 47.58 Crore:

The project has been considered and cleared by Advisory Committee in February 1997, subject to the concurrence of State Finance Department. Reply awaited from the State Govt.

4. Ozat-II Water Resources: Cost Rs. 59.73 Crore:

The scheme was received in October 1993 and comments of the Central Water Commission was sent to the State Govt. in April 1996. The State Govt. representative informed that the compliance of CWC observations would be sent shortly. However, information from the State is awaited.

5. Restoration of Mitti Irrigation: Cost Rs. 14.51 Crore:

This scheme was earlier approved by Planning Com-

mission on 11.8.78 for Rs. 188.44 lakhs. This project was examined and comments sent to the State Govt. The State representative has stated in the Quarterly Review Meeting on 7.10.96 that the compliance to the CWC observations would be sent shortly.

6. Vartu-II Irrigation: Cost 30.38 Crore:

The modified report which was received in June 1994 was examined and comments on them was sent the State Govt. on October 1995. The State Govt. was requested to furnish the compliance of CWC observations.

7. Nanibarsan W.R. Project: Cost Rs. 32.40 Crore:

The scheme was received in November 1994 and comments of the CWC was sent to the State Govt. in October 1995. Compliance of the observations made by CWC are awaited from the State.

8. Bakrol W.R. Project: Cost Rs. 23.86 Crore:

The scheme was received in January 1995. The report was examined and comments was sent to the State Govt. in June 1995. Compliance on CWC comments was received. However, the State has been asked for more information.

9. Integrated Watershed Development Project—Extension of Ongoing Project: Cost Rs. 32.86 Crore:

The World Bank Funded Integrated Watershed Development Project is being implemented in four districts viz., Sabarkantha, Rajkot, Baroda and Bharuch, since February 1991 and due to close on 31.3.98. The Second proposal involving extension of the project by one year is being examined by the Ministry of Agriculture. The view of Agriculture Ministry would be sent to Department of Economic Affairs shortly.

10. Integrated Watershed Development for Rural Poverty Alleviation: Cost Re. 85 Crore:

A project for Integrated Watershed Development for Rural Poverty Alleviation in Tribal areas of Panchmahal and Sabarkantha districts of Gujarat has been submitted by the State. The project has been examined and comments of Agriculture Ministry was sent to the State with a request to send a revised proposal. The same is awaited from the State Govt.

11. Comprehensive Agricultural Development Project (Naep-Phase-II) World Bank Aided project: Cost Rs. 46.08 Crore:

Govt. of Gujarat proposal dated 2.7.97 has been received by the Agriculture Ministry on 16.7.97 and would be examined for necessary action.

[English]

Chief Ministers Conference

203. SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Chief Minister's Conference was held in New Delhi on 24th May, 1997 to consider an Action Plan for effective and responsive Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the subjects' discussed therein and the decisions arrived at?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI S.R. BALASUBRAMONIYAN): (a) to (c) A Conference of Chief Ministers of States/UTs was held on 24th May, 1997 under the Chairmanship of Prime Minister to discuss an Action Plan for Effective and Responsive Government. The Action Plan dealt with three themes namely, accountable and citizen-friendly Government, transparency and Right to Information, and improving the performance and integrity of the public services. The issues that were discussed under these themes and which are being followed-up at Central and State levels are:

- (a) Citizens' Charter and accountable administration;
- (b) Effective and speedy public grievance redressal system;
- (c) Empowering elected local bodies and decentralised delivery of services;
- (d) Review of laws, regulations and procedures;
- (e) Transparency and Right to Information;
- (f) Access of the public to Information from public offices and facilitation counters;
- (g) Code of Ethics for public services;
- (h) Tackling corruption and cleansing the administration; and
- (i) Stability of tenure and a scheme for Civil Service Boards.

2. It was agreed that each State would work for implementation of the Action Plan, making appropriate allowance for variation in local circumstances.

3. Government has set up a Committee under the Cabinet Secretary including some Chief Secretaries representing different regions of the country as well as some senior officials of Government of India in order to elaborate different elements of the Action Plan and work out various decisions required at Central and State levels.